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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GOP REQUEST FOR WHEAT UNDER CCC CREDITS

REF: (A) STATE 15761; (B) STATE 305547 (77); (C) ISLAMABAD
12577 (77); (D) STATE 26065

1. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT DURING AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN'S
CALL ON SOBER JANUARY 19, DCM HAYAT MEHDI RAISED QUESTION
OF CCC CREDIT FOR 150,000 TONS OF WHEAT (REFTEL A). MEHDI
HOPED THAT QUESTION OF DEBT RESCHEDULING WOULD NOT ENTER
INTO DECISION ON APPROVAL OF CCC CREDIT.

2. EMBASSY WILL ALSO RECALL THAT PAKISTAN HAD EARLIER
ASKED FOR CCC CREDIT FOR 300,000 TONS OF WHEAT. AN 18
MILLION DOLLAR LINE OF CREDIT FOR 150,000 TONS WAS EXTENDED
ON DECEMBER 21, 1977. SUBSEQUENTLY, PAKISTAN CAME IN
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PAKISTAN EMBASSY HAD NOT PRESSED USDA FOR THE SECOND
150,000 TONS UNDER CCC CREDIT.

3. IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY SITUATION, DEPT OFFICER CALLED
MEHDI TO ASK IF EMBASSY INTENDED TO PRESS FOR SECOND

TRANCHE UNDER CCC CREDIT. DEPT OFFICER NOTED THAT QUESTION OF DEBT RESCHEDULING HAD NOT AFFECTED FIRST TRANCHE SINCE TERMS LIMITED TO ONE YEAR.

4. MEHDI RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT PAKISTAN EMBASSY WAS NOT PRESSING FOR SECOND TRANCHE AT THIS TIME SINCE THEY HOPED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL WHEAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE UNDER PL 480. THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND HE WONDERED WHAT THE PROSPECTS MIGHT BE FOR MORE PL 480 WHEAT.

5. DEPT OFFICER RESPONDED THAT THERE ARE MANY VARIABLES INVOLVED -- ASSESSMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM THE CURRENT RESERVE; AND, MOST IMPORTANT, AN ASSESSMENT OF PAKISTANI NEEDS AFTER THE NEW HARVEST COMES IN. IN OTHER WORDS NO ASSESSMENT OF PAKISTAN'S NEED FOR WHEAT IN RELATION TO AVAILABILITY UNDER PL 480 WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OR MORE. THERE MAY ALSO BE CONSTRAINTS ON ADDITIONAL CCC CREDIT SINCE CCC IS ALSO LIMITED BY AVAILABLE FUNDS. IN EITHER CASE, WE WOULD NEED A BETTER FIX ON GOP'S REQUIREMENTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THIS SPRING'S HARVEST.

6. MEHDI SAID THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE PENDING THE CCC REQUEST FOR A SECOND TRANCHE OF 150,000 TONS, BUT WOULD NOT ACTIVELY PRESS UNLESS AND UNTIL HE RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM ISLAMABAD WITH A CLEARER PICTURE OF PAKISTANI REQUIREMENTS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL WHEAT.
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